(c) Ministry of Labour and Employment is not aware of any such proposal.

Child Labour Welfare Projects

2675. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of child labour in the country as per the latest census;

(b) whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments to furnish details of the works undertaken under the Child Labour Welfare Projects; and

(c) if so, the response of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Census conducted by the Registrar General of India is the only authentic data in respect of population of child labour in the country. As per the Census 2001, the number of child labour in the country is 1.26 crore. The State-wise data of number of working children is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(b) Government of India is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 250 districts of 21 States in the country. Funds are given directly to the Project Societies at the district level headed by the District Collector. Under the scheme Children withdrawn from work are put into the Special Schools where these children are provided education, nutrition, vocational training, stipend and health care etc.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

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State-wise Distribution of Working Children according to 2001 Census in the age group 5-14 years

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2001
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1363339
2.	Assam	351416
3.	Bihar	1117500

1	2	3
4.	Gujarat	485530
5.	Haryana	253491
6.	Himachal Pradesh	107774
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	175630
8.	Karnataka	822615
9.	Kerala	26156
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1065259
11.	Maharashtra	764075
12.	Chhattisgarh	364572
13.	Manipur	28836
14.	Meghalaya	53940
15.	Jharkhand	407200
16.	Uttaranchal	70183
17.	Nagaland	45874
18.	Orissa	377594
19.	Punjab	177268
20.	Rajasthan	1262570
21.	Sikkim	16457
22.	Tamil Nadu	418801
23.	Tripura	21756
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1927997
25.	West Bengal	857087
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1960
27.	Arunachal Pradesh	18482
28.	Chandigarh	3779
29.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	4274
30.	Delhi	41899
31.	Daman and Diu	729
32.	Goa	4138
33.	Lakshadweep	27
34.	Mizoram	26265
35.	Pondicherry	1904
	TOTAL	12666377

**includes marginal workers also.